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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EG, TPHY, OSCI, TBID
SUBJECT: NAMRU-3 AGREEMENT

REF: CAIRO 3312

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, EMBASSY AND NAMRU-3 BELIEVE REVISED NAMRU AGREEMENT
SERIES IS AN EXCELLENT ONE, REGULARIZING NAMRU-3'S STATUS
IN EGYPT AND THAT OF ITS PERSONNEL. WE THINK THE MOH PROPOSED
REVISIONS TO TEXT SUGGESTED BY WASHINGTON LAST
SUMMER DO NOT WEAKEN NAMRU'S CIRCUMSTANCES AND
IN SOME WAYS STRENGTHEN IT. IN PARTICULAR,
THE WORDING OF ARTICLE 6, PARA 1 AND ARTICLE 7 ARE NOW MORE
ADVANTAGEOUS TO US AS INDICATED BELOW.

A. ARTICLE 6, PARA 1 - THE NEW WORDING, BY REQUIRING
THE REGISTRATION OF PATIENTS AT MOH AND MAKING TREATMENT,
EXAMINATION, AND MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS SUBJECT TO GOE
LAW DEFINITELY PLACES CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITY UNDER MOH
AND THUS FREES NAMRU-3 FROM LIABILITY. ALSO GOE LAWS
WILL PERMIT NAMRU PERSONNEL TO ENGAGE IN CLINICAL MEDICINE UNDER
CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

B. ARTICLE 7 - THE NEW WORKING RE LABOR PRACTICES
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IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THAT IT QUOTES DIRECTLY FROM
FEDERAL PERSONNEL MANUAL AND ESTABLISHES A FIXED, RATHER THAN
AN INTERIM PERSONNEL POLICY, AND DOES NOT REQUIRE FULL
COMPLIANCE WITH EGYPTIAN LABOR LAW WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

2. ALTHOUGH MOH WISHES ARABIC TEXT TO BE CONTROLLING,
DISCUSSIONS WITH MOH OFFICIALS IN ARRIVING AT AGREEMENT TEXT DID NOT

INDICATE ANY DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION OR INTENT. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS IS A CRITICAL POINT.

3. ALTHOUGH MFA AND MINIFNANCE HAVE NOT YET REVIEWED THE TEXT, NOTHING IN THE DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF NAMRU-3 HAS SUGGESTED THAT SERIOUS PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE RAISED. MOH IBRAHIM BADRAN HAS PROMISED T SUPPORT THE AGREED TEXT IN PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER MINISTRIES AS NECESSARY. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO SPEAK TO MINISTERIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE.

4. REQUEST INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGEINCIES REVIEW AND APPROVAL ASAP. SOONER WE GET THE LONG LANGUISHING AGREEMENT CONCLUDED, THE BETTER.
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